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PRICE \$2- $\frac{1}{2}$ PER MONTH

Intimations.

NOTICE.

TENDERS for DOCKING, REPAIRING and KEELFITTING the American *Cashmers*, in accordance with specification to be seen at the office of the Undersigned, received until noon of **MONDAY**, the instant.

4d 60 Hongkong, 9th January, 1874.

NOTICE.

TENDERS for the DOCKING, SAMPING, REMETALLING and CANNING of the British Barque *Medulla* will be received until TUESDAY, the instant, at noon, at the Office of the Agent, who do not bind themselves to the acceptance of any tender.

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5d 61 JARDINE, MATHESON &
Hongkong, 9th January, 1874.
NOTICE.
M.R. WM. SCHAAD is authorized
our firm per procuration from this
PICKENPACK, THIES &
5d 55 Bangkok, 23rd December, 1873
DENTAL NOTICE.

A Doctor of the 31st inst., G. C. K. HO, D.O.S., a graduate of the Peking Dental College, with over ten years' experience, will succeed the undersigned in Practice of Dentistry at Hongkong and East Eorts of China. Dr. ROBERTS with him all the late improvements in profession; and is confidently recommended all who desire superior work at moderate

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No. 7, Arbutnot Road,
Hongkong, 9th January, 1874. [t

NOTICE.

NEITHER the Captain, Owner, nor Agents are responsible for any debts contracted by either Officers or Crew of the American Cashmere.

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NOTICE.
P. & O. S. N. Co.
COMMENCING with the mail of 8th
January, 1874, and until further notice
Company's Homeward Steamers from Calcutta
in connection with the Mail Steamers from

Canal,
A. McIVER,
Superintendent
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1873. [20]
BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

Agents for the above Company, are
pared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE RISKS.

Policies at current rates, payable either
in London, or at the principal ports of In-
Australia, and the East.

A BROKERAGE OF THIRTY-THREE AND
THIRD PER CENT. will be allowed on all LO-

FIRE RISKS.
 Policies granted on First-class Buildings
 to an extent of \$20,000.
 A DISCOUNT OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20%)
 upon the current local rates will be allowed
 all premium charged for insurance; such
 amount being deducted at the time of the
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**OFFICE OF THE CHINA TRADER
INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)**

NOTICE.

On and after the payment of to

By order of the Consulting Committee,
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
General Agents
 of 1805 Hongkong, 1st November, 1873.
IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

Agents of the above Company at this Place are prepared to grant Policies against Fire for the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co
HONGKONG, 24th August, 1894.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to give Policies against Fire in the above Company at current rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company
of 1617 Hongkong, 1st October, 1873.

FROM this date until further notice, Return of Twenty per cent. (20%) will be made, on the Premium charged on all Insurances effected with this Office; such Returns being payable on the issue of the Policy.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company

Notices to Consignees.
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
CONSIGNEES per Company's steamship
MENELAUS are hereby notified that the
cargo is being discharged per Craft. 17445 d

cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 7th January, 1874.

Goods undelivered after 14th January, 1874 will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

8d-47 Hongkong, 6th January, 1874.

MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery: this Cargo has been landed and stored at their disposal.

O. BERTRAND,
Principal Agent.

JFG.	Es "Hoogly," 7th December, 1873.	10 cases Merchandise.
	Es "Tigre," 21st December, 1873.	
cZo.	\$51/52	2 cases Merchandise.
A&U.	4369	1 case
H&O.	4369/4363	5 cases

GUD, 350	1 case
Ex "Anagone," 31st December, 1873.	
JP in double-triangle,	3 cases Merchandiso.
22/24	
LCO in diamond...	1 case Shoes.
25	
PS, 5242/18	2 cases Merchandiso.
WAS, 1/4	4 cases
GDC, 7/8	2 cases

H&O, 2063/2066 2 cases
L. Stael, 1 1 case Baggage.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1874.

The length of our passage up prevented
from fulfilling our intention of going overland.

Brigham Young preached a sermon lately, which he said that the sisters thought they had a good deal to bear, but if they could stand the shoes of their husbands they would know that trials and perplexities are. "Just fancy man," said the prophet, "with two or three half a dozen beloved wives catching him on the side, and, before he can take half a dozen more wives catching him on the other, 'I want this,' 'I want that,' 'This is not right,' and so on; their mind just pulled to pieces."

letter to the *Times*), we may very, at the return of Dr. Livingston.

...hong to a local trader.

NOTICE.
CHARLES JAMES HON

9 Hongkong, 16th November, 1872.

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FOR NEW YORK.

Captain Hushagen, will be despatched as above from Whampoa and Hongkong, about the 15th

A mail will close.

Extracts.

THE LITTLE HEART THAT WANTS.

The evening breeze is singing low,
A hazy day is over,
I have a question I would ask,
Before I die away.
The public house that stands so dry,
The little heart that wants,
A little heart is standing there,
Between the ebb and flow.

A tangled mass of soft brown hair,
Two eyes cast meekly down,
A little face the sun has kissed,
Two cheeks a little brown,
Two little lips that seem to say—
"I do not think I know."
Two little lips that seem to say—
"I do not think I know."

A little heart that longing waits,
To know what next will hear,
A little face that shyly looks,
To see what next will hear,
A little heart that shyly looks,
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ODD FISH.

The summer's work of the American Fish Commission is of unusual interest from the fact that a large number of queer marine animals have been brought to the surface by the improved dredging apparatus employed, and, besides, much valuable information has been obtained from the following particulars regarding the progress and discoveries made:—A live calappa (a species of clam), brought up in Casco Bay, has, it seems, upset the opinion that it is extinct so far north. Quahogs, which were said to be found in the shells of which are found in the Indian shell mounds which cover Pease Island on the coast of Maine, are now obtained only in a little cove in Casco Bay; while oyster shells, to which a saddle rock is a pigmy, are thickly planted below the bottom.

Portland Harbor, though as living organisms their species are now extinct, the animal kingdom takes from the flora the duty of embellishment, but these flowers were their graceful petals but to entrance a victim, which, when seized, is pressed close to its mouth and then, even if larger than the victim, is swallowed whole. Holding tightly to its prey, the sea anemone gradually turns its stomach from its mouth, and turning it inside out, envelops its dinner, and then lies quietly waiting the death of its food and subsequent digestion. Then such portions as are not suitable are rejected, and the stomach is again stored away for future use.

The sea cucumber (*pentacta frondosa*) is another curious creature. First found in a small, compact, globular, like a sea urchin, it grows into an immense, two-magnificent specimens of star-fish, known as a *pentacta phryganeus*, were found in deep water, where an almost icy temperature made for them a constant winter. They are four or five inches from point to point, and of a deep scarlet hue, with a surface embossed, like a velvet.

Hundreds of a pale straw-colored starfish (*leptasterias*), hitherto considered very rare, were brought up from these depths. Three large specimens of a rare and beautiful anemone (*artemisia diploides*), the first perfect ones ever found, were also obtained. A discovery of interest from the fact that none of the species have been recorded as existing near the coast of George's Bank, and at a depth of 400 fathoms.

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The hermit crab is a common but curious creature, resembling a little hairy arched with powerful claws and a very thick, leathery plate. He is a quarrelsome customer; but, unfortunately for him, the after part of his body is soft and defenceless. Left to his own resources he is a great coward, but gets an accession of bravery when he discovers an empty univalve shell. This he examines inside out, turning it over and over until satisfied that there is no work place in the sand when he passes into it full first, and then, calmly folding his strong claws across the entrance, is ready for the fray. When a larger crab finds a shell that suits him, in which a smaller one of his own species has already taken refuge, he unceremoniously seizes a claw and drags the little guy out. The shell becomes the home of a beautiful hydroid, which appears like a velvet, of waving fibres. These, seen through a microscope, resolve themselves into a trine creature—three bodies on one stem, each with its special function to perform, making one little single life. One body absorbs food, another reproduces the young, while a third, armed with tiny jaws, defends the little community against all creatures that would molest it.

Another odd specimen found was the goose fish or *lophius americanus*. It is about 2½ feet long, a flat, mud-colored, misshapen monster, whose small fins proclaim it to be a rapid swimmer. Barrowing close to the mud, it elevates two little fishing rods, each about 12 inches in length, formed of a stiff elastic substance like the spine of a fish. These spring from the upper part of the nose; and when not in use he back flat upon the head. When the first wants his dinner, however, the rods are raised at various angles and moved slowly about, so that the end of each dangles a red muscular worm, which dilates and contracts like a worm. Attracted by this bait, the unsuspecting pollock attempts to appropriate it. Slowly the goose-fish lowers its lip, and then suddenly engulfs the unwary victim in its mouth, which, set with great fangs, opens like an old-fashioned carpet bag.

Another curious find was the egg of a skate, seemingly a dark-colored case, of texture somewhat like a beetle's back, but tougher. It was shaped like a fisherman's net, a rectangle with the ends cut out, leaving a square centre with four projections on which to wind the line. The egg itself is not unusual, and can be found on sandy beaches, thrown up by the tide, dried and empty, looking like the husk of some nut. The specimen found was a round, and the little creature released and placed in a basin of water, where it swam around for several days. The yolk of the egg remained attached, and appeared quite as large as the fish.

PICTURE BUYING.

I think the prevalent idea that the purchasing of pictures is exclusively a luxury for rich people who can afford collecting is unfortunate for the art. We all of us buy books, though very few of us can afford a library; why should we not buy pictures too? The most of us pay wine merchants bills; and wine, though pleasant in its way, is non-nutritious, that picture. I mean other reason than this—that we like wine better. Every comfortable house ought to have three or four good pictures, at least one in each of its principal rooms; but such a picture as its owner will not weary of, or also his must have more. And all good pictures are inexhaustible; some by a mysterious charm and fascination, as the melancholy portrait in the Louvre, opposite the Veronese, or the face of the Mona Lisa; some by their mighty power, as the Temeraire in the Tower Gallery, some by a wonderful ideal of beauty, as the Phryne; and some by fulness of matter and endless harmonies of colour, as the best works of John Lewis—*Thoughts About Art*.

A BATTLE-FIELD INCIDENT.
A single shot, followed by a loud shriek, told us that one of our best men, Bradley, was hurt. He proclaimed his agony with a loud voice, turned over on his back, and commenced kicking so vigorously that the surgeon had difficulty in getting near him. "Poor fellow!" said the doctor—"I'm afraid it's fatal!" and he commenced opening his coat. "Oh, my eye!" said Bradley. "I am a dead man!" "Keep up your spirits, my boy, never say die," said Captain Johnson, kneeling kindly over him. "Doctor," asked the wounded soldier, feebly, "will you write to my mother and tell her that I died bravely, doing my duty with my face to the foe, and that I thought of her when dying?" "Yes," said the doctor, "I will write to her and tell her." "But suddenly springing to his feet, with an indignant voice he said, "Why, found out, man, you're not hurt a bit. It's only your eases that are shot, and that's the water from it. Get up, will you?" Bradley rose up slowly, felt himself all over, and, with an exceedingly foolish countenance, crawled back to his position amid the uproarious laughter of the whole regiment.

THE HORSEBIT.
The question of the bit, and of the hand that rules the bit, underlies the consideration of the whole subject of man's dominion over the horse. The intelligence of mankind has hitherto invented but one principal form of bit: the snaffle, the simple piece of iron which lies across the mouth, subject to endless modifications, such as being twisted, jointed, and so forth; and the curb-bit, a more powerful implement, which has likewise undergone innumerable variations. The curb-bit is an adaptation of the principle of the lever, and the long tongue of the check-rein allows a very powerful pressure to be exerted upon the jaw of the horse. The snaffle is, as we say, a natural bit, and the curb an artificial one. The snaffle was used by our ancestors and by the ancient Greeks; the curb is an Asiatic invention, and was probably brought into Europe by the Moors. In the famous battle of Pampel, representing, as is supposed, a battle between the Greeks and Persians, and which, at any rate, is the picture of a battle between Europeans and Asiatics, the Eastern horsemen ride with reins, and the Europeans with snaffles. The difference in the bit modifies the whole style of riding, and there are two sorts of bits: one is a curb, and the other is a snaffle.

There are two quite different styles of curb, known as a *gambler phryganeus*, were found in deep water, where an almost icy temperature made for them a constant winter. They are four or five inches from point to point, and of a deep scarlet hue, with a surface embossed, like a velvet. Hundreds of a pale straw-colored starfish (*leptasterias*), hitherto considered very rare, were brought up from these depths. Three large specimens of a rare and beautiful anemone (*artemisia diploides*), the first perfect ones ever found, were also obtained. A discovery of interest from the fact that none of the species have been recorded as existing near the coast of George's Bank, and at a depth of 400 fathoms.

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